GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Implementation of Beedi Leaf Scheme - Modification in the procedure to be followed in implementation of the Beedi Leaf Scheme – Orders – Issued.

G.O.RT.No. 80 **Dated: 26-10-2020.**
Read the following:

1) Govt.Memo.No.115623/f(3)2/2005-2, dt:07.10.2005.
2) From the PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Lr. Rc.No.14026/2017/Prod.4, Dated: 05.02.2020.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) vide his letter 2nd read above, has informed that the Beedi Leaf Scheme is a major social welfare scheme, providing employment to the poorest of poor especially people belonging to the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of society living in the remote areas of East and West Godavari Districts, during the lean summer season, which provides a total of nearly 3 Lakh man days of work for these poor wage earners during the Beedi leaf season.

2. As per the existing procedure outlined in Government Memo. 1st read above, the Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Limited., advances funds to the concerned DFOs for implementation of Beedi Leaf Scheme in their respective jurisdictions. The funds so released by the Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Limited., to Divisional Forest Officers would be kept with the PAO in the District and PAOs concerned are required to authorize the DFOs to draw cheques for execution of works. Until such authorization by the PAO is received, expenditure against such amount cannot be incurred.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has informed that over the years, practical difficulties are being faced by the field officers in making timely payment to the poor wage earners/Beedi Leaf collectors, which has led to adverse media criticism presenting the Government in poor light.

4. In view of the above practical difficulties, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has proposed that the following procedure may be adopted, duly dispensing with the procedure stipulated in the Govt. Memo. 1st read above, which will speed up the wage disbursement process.

i. The APFDC will be informed by the PCCF (HoFF), about the amounts to be released to the DFOs as per the requirement in the field and also based on the approval given by the Government on the Scheme.

ii. Funds will be released as a loan by the APFDC Ltd., to the DFOs, only for implementation of the Scheme.

iii. APFDC will release funds to the DFOs directly, as requested by PCCF (HoFF), on loan basis.

iv. Divisional Forest Officer will incur expenditure as per the Government approved scheme.

v. Separate Cash book shall be maintained at Division/Range level for Beedi Leaf Scheme.

vi. The DFOs shall submit their Beedi Leaf accounts along with Monthly Progress report to the Conservator of Forests concerned every month for scrutiny in the Circle Office.

vii. The Conservator of Forests shall submit Monthly Progress Reports every month to the PCCF (HoFF), DFO-wise by 15th of succeeding month.

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viii. The reconciliation of Beedi Leaf expenditure shall be done on quarterly basis by Production wing as per schedule communicated.

ix. The DFOs shall submit their UCs to the APFDC through the CF.

x. The Beedi Leaf accounts of the DFOs concerned shall be audited regularly with an independent Audit Party from the panel of Auditors selected for CAMPA every year and then the same shall be audited by the Accountant General in their regular Audit to Divisions every year.

xi. The independent Audit Party shall submit their Audit Report to the DFO concerned and the DFO in turn shall submit the Audit report to the PCCF through the CF.

5. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) in para 4 above, hereby approve the same in implementation of the Beedi Leaf Scheme, duly dispensing with the old procedure stipulated in the Govt. Memo. 1st read above.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No. FMU0ASD/85/2020, Finance (FMUEFS&T,MA&UD,CRDA) Dept., dt.23.04.2020 (Computer No: 1115842).

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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